

THE EXPORTS ARE GROWING

Norfolk Shipping Large Quantities of Provisions to Feed Hungry Europe.

TRAIN LOADS OF LARD

Grain Trade Has Entirely Ceased, But Growth of Other Exports Brings Total Higher.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., May 31.—The business of exporting provisions through the port of Norfolk has reached unprecedented proportions, and every indication points to an increase in this direction that must be regarded as nothing short of phenomenal. For the month of May the exports here will reach probably \$1,300,000, and of this valuation the best portion will represent shipments of provisions to feed hungry Europe.

The grain trade here, as well as at Newport News, has been lost in its entirety, for the present at least, and there is not a bushel being elevated at either port. While the grain trade was falling off, the receipts here for provisions for export were steadily growing, and the result is that Norfolk to-day is doing the largest foreign business in years.

SHIP LOAD OF LARD.
When the steamship Barcelona, Captain Behn, sails from here about Saturday she will carry at least 2,000,000 pounds of lard, making sixty carloads, forty-five of which will be shipped on account of Swift and Company, and fifteen carloads on account of the Cudahy Packing Company. This does not include any other shipments that may be received from Kansas City and Missouri points. There is now enough lard in sight for the Barcelona to warrant the statement that this will be the largest cargo of lard that has left Hampton Roads in the past four years.

TO INCREASE GAINS.
This is one instance of unprecedented provision exports from Norfolk, and there are many other articles going out in large quantities continually. The secret of Norfolk's growing trade in this direction is found in the recent diversion of provision business from the Gulf ports to the Atlantic seaboard, especially to this port. It is learned on good authority that much of this business has been brought here as a result of concentrated efforts on the part of the railroad and shipping men interested, and it may be added that these efforts are not being permitted to flag, on the contrary, are being exerted with renewed energy to give Norfolk and the railroads centering here that to which they are entitled.

IN FAVOR OF NORFOLK.
The Southern Railway, especially, has been handling considerable quantities of provisions from the West, and over that Virginia line a number of remarkably quick records have been made between Western cities and Norfolk by trains loaded with export provisions. Freight trains traveling towards Norfolk on the most passenger speed and receiving all the same consideration along the road as passenger trains, are not uncommon these days.

VIRGINIA FOR PRESIDENT.
The Third Ward Independent Democratic Club has made the first move in this city looking to the endorsement of a Virginian for the Democratic presidential nomination. The club passed resolutions commending the City Committee for its failure so far to provide for the selection of delegates to the State convention and called upon the committee to select the delegates by a primary election.

The club also adopted a resolution favoring the instruction of delegates to the convention to "urge in the State Convention the perfection and retention of the primary in the selection of Democratic candidates for all offices."

Before adjourning the club endorsed the following gentlemen for delegates from the Third Ward to the State Convention: Colonel C. A. Nash, Antonio J. Smith, J. D. McCarrick, W. W. Old, Jr., John N. Vaughan, W. H. Venable and Lucien D. Starke.

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

Sir Henry Mortimer Durand Guest of Mr. Tucker.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINCHESTER, VA., May 31.—The Virginia Classis of the Reformed Church, embracing all churches of that denomination in the Valley and a number in West Virginia, which has been in session at Martinsburg, W. Va., for some days, adjourned last night to meet next year at Harrisville, Va. Rev. T. J. Cromer, of this city, was elected president. Rev. R. R. Jones, principal of Massanutten Academy, the church college at Woodstock, made an earnest appeal for greater patronage of that institution.

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ambassador to the United States, will accompany Mr. Harry St. George Tucker on Winchester Thursday, and spend three days in this city, chiefly with Dr. W. P. McGuire, whose wife is a sister to Mr. Tucker.

Lieutenant Daniel Wright, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, who was recently assigned to a position on the government engineering corps that will build the Panama canal, spent several days with relatives in this city, and left to-day en route to Panama.

WILLIAM AND MARY'S NEW PROFESSOR

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., May 31.—Mr. Bruce Payne, of North Carolina, has been chosen to succeed Professor Hugh S. Judd, of William and Mary College, who resigned the chair of pedagogy to go into business.

Nothing could be learned of this gentleman, as those in possession of the facts are not giving out anything in regard to the matter at present.

A STRONG TEAM.

Loudoun Sends Delegation Divided on the Senatorship.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEESBURG, VA., May 31.—Among the twenty-seven delegates elected on Saturday to represent Loudoun at the Richmond convention, June 4th, are Hon. Henry Fairfax, Senator George T. Ford, Speaker John P. Ryan, Clarence Thomas, Judge J. B. McCabe and Judge R. H. Tabb.

The delegation is divided as to Marlin and anti-Marlin supporters, but is generally in favor of primaries.

Chatham Episcopal Institute.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHATHAM, VA., May 31.—The commencement exercises of the Chatham Episcopal Institute, which began Friday night, closed to-night. Each night the exercises have been attended by a large audience. The final concert on Monday night was participated in by most of the music class, and each number was well rendered. The studio tea from 3 to 5 Saturday afternoon was largely attended, during which time the studio was visited by a large number, who were very complimentary about the paintings.

Misses Dora Taliaferro, Bettie Goodwin and Louise Pennell compose the graduating class this year, which is much smaller than for several years past. Awarding of honors composed the exercises of Tuesday night, which were attended by a very large crowd.

Dropped Dead.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
TWINN'S MILL, VA., May 31.—Mr. J. Hammett Lloyd died suddenly at his home yesterday morning at 6 o'clock of apoplexy. He was as well as usual and went to the barn to have a calf loaded. His wife, who fell dead without a moment's warning.

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Robbery at Pemberton.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CARTERSVILLE, VA., May 31.—Last night the store of Mr. J. L. Staley, at Pemberton, just across the river from Cartersville, was broken into and robbed. Two suits of clothes, pairs of shoes, and thirty or more dollars in money were taken. The possessor, which was kept in the storeroom, was searched through—the stamps scattered around, but none were taken. Mr. Staley reckons his loss to be about \$100.

The Cotton Mills.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ETTRICK, VA., May 31.—The Swift Creek Cotton Mill has been closed down for a week or more, in order to deepen and widen the canal. It is expected to resume work in a few days now. Pocahontas Cotton Mill is expected to begin running on three-quarter time in a few days.

Manufactories of all kinds seem to be lagging and working less than full time, and jobs are beginning to become scarce and hard to find.

A PASTOR INSTALLED.

New Smoke Stack to Tannery 150 Feet High.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ETTRICK, VA., May 31.—Services at the Presbyterian Church last night were very interesting. Mr. J. D. Henery, of South Carolina, who has been preaching here for a year, was installed pastor of the Kelsie Memorial Church.

Mr. Cook, of Richmond, who was installed in Clifton Forge in the morning, preached a very impressive sermon.

Mr. Ervin delivered the charge to the pastor; Mr. Barth delivered the charge to the people.

The music was simple and appropriate to the occasion.

Mr. J. D. Henery will leave on June 1st for his old home, to visit his mother and friends.

Mr. B. Branch, of South Carolina, has been appointed his assistant, the field being a large one.

Miss May Lackey leaves to-night to join friends in Baltimore. Together they will make a tour of Canada. After camping out they will visit friends in the West. Miss Lackey will not return until September.

Miss Fannie Robinson leaves to-night, after making a short visit to her mother, Mrs. John Robinson. She returns to her post as matron of the hospital at Durbin, Va.

The smoke stack at the tannery, which is a beautiful piece of masonry, one hundred and fifty feet and four inches high, is finished and ready for use.

A SCULPTOR SUES AN ARCHITECT

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., May 31.—Thomas Rowe, sculptor, to-day sued H. G. Morse, Division architect, for \$10,000. Rowe's "Minerva Head," on the new Norfolk Carnegie Library, according to officials of the library, has been refused. Morse is the architect for the building. Rowe bases his suit upon a letter which Morse is alleged to have written to the plaintiff's professional hurt.

The letter, it is averred, was written to a rival who were about to employ Rowe as a sculptor.

Funds in the hands of the Norfolk Public Library belonging to the defendant, are attached under the court proceedings.

CLOSING EXERCISES

Southern Female College Commencement in Petersburg
Brilliant Affairs.

AN EXHIBITION DRILL

Music, Elocution and Recitals Formed a Varied and Entertaining Programme.

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PETERSBURG, VA., May 31.—The final exercises of the Southern Female College were held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall to-night in the presence of a brilliant assemblage. The programme to-night consisted of a soiree musicale, followed by presentation of medals and honors, the conferring of diplomas and the address to the graduates by President R. E. Blackwell, of Randolph-Macon College, who took as his subject "The Art of Idling."

These final exercises began Sunday, when the baccalaureate sermon was preached at Washington Street Church by Rev. Dr. Tudor, of Richmond. Yesterday morning the work in the school was shown in an exhibition of the best painting and drawing done by the students during the year.

ATHLETICS.

Indoor athletics of the college was represented in the exhibition drill of the gymnasium class, which was given in the new gymnasium. In the evening the music pupils and elocution class gave a concert and recital that was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience, as evidenced by the generous applause given to each of the young ladies who contributed to make the varied programme artistic and entertaining.

The programme this morning consisted of a piano recital, at the close of which certificates of distinction were presented, and the graduates, medalists and prize-winners announced.

THE GRADUATES.

The full graduates with a B. degree are:

Miss Nannie Sue Cole, Roanoke, Va.; Miss Annie Willis Martin, Waverly, Va.; Miss Lucy Atkinson McIlwaine, Petersburg, Va.; Miss Anna Eliza Walters, Madison county, Va.

MEDALISTS.

Latin, Miss Bessie Claiborne Mann, Petersburg, Va.

Mathematics, Miss Lucy Atkinson McIlwaine, Petersburg, Va.

French, Miss Virginia Spotswood McKenney, Petersburg, Va.

English and history, Miss Luck Atkinson McIlwaine, Petersburg, Va.; Miss Mammie Marshall Young, Hebron, Va.

Moral philosophy, Miss Lucy Atkinson McIlwaine, Petersburg, Va.

Natural science, Miss Harriet Derby Snow, Wicomico, Va.

Intermediate department, Miss Rosa Eppes, Clarksville, Va.

Piano, Miss Adelaide Virginia Snellings, Boydton, Va.

Singing, Miss Roberta Louise Potts, Richmond, Va.

Art, Miss Lucy Wilmina Kellam, Shadyside, Va.

Elocution, Miss Martha Lee Morris, Petersburg, Va.

Writing, Miss Mamie Alfriend Allen, Hebron, Va.

Gymnasium, Miss Annie Allen Godwin, Beaufort, S. C.

Preparatory department, Miss Bessie Patterson, Petersburg, Va.

Primary department, Miss Bessie Ritchie Smith, Petersburg, Va.

GRADUATES IN SCHOOLS.

English and history, Miss Mamie Sue Cole, Roanoke, Va.; Miss Lucy Atkinson McIlwaine, Petersburg, Va.; Miss Anna Eliza Walters, Madison county, Va.; Miss Mammie Marshall Young, Hebron, Va.

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Specially distinguished in all regular examinations; eighty per cent. or more on every examination: Miss Katharine Carter Barham, Newsum, Va.; Miss Clara Rosa Eppes, Clarksville, Va.; Miss Clara

Womble Hays, Petersburg, Va.; Miss Annie Willis Martin, Waverly, Va.; Miss Bessie Claiborne Mann, Petersburg, Va.; Miss Clara Justus McKenney, Petersburg, Va.; Miss Harriet Derby Snow, Wicomico, Va.; Miss Mammie Marshall Young, Hebron, Va.; Miss Lucy Atkinson McIlwaine, Petersburg, Va.; Miss Bessie Ritchie Smith, Petersburg, Va.

Founder's prizes, in memory of President Williams T. Davis; awarded to all students having not less than five subjects, who make an average of ninety per cent. on all regular examinations in all their classes: Miss Rosa Eppes, Clarksville, Va.; Miss Clara Justus McKenney, Petersburg, Va.; Miss Harriet Derby Snow, Wicomico, Va.; Miss Annie Willis Martin, Waverly, Va.; Miss Katharine Bernard Mann, Petersburg, Va.

Converse College.

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